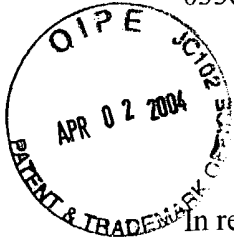


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In re Application of:

HIROYOSHI KISHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/054,482

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: POLYMERIC COMPOUND
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GLYCOPOLYMER AND A
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended to January 29, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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